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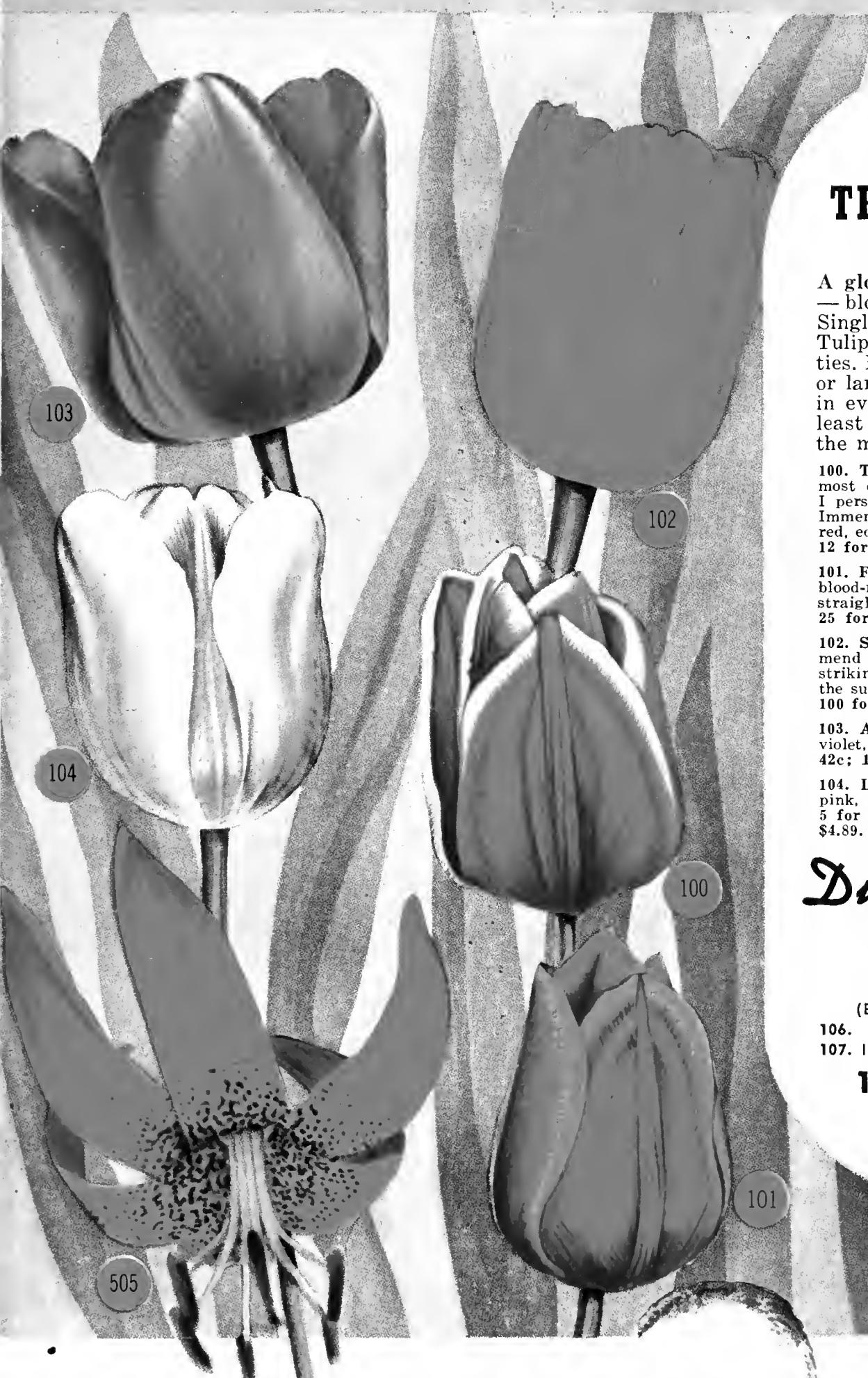
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Earl May's 1938

## FALL PLANTING BOOK



## SPECTACULAR NEW SUNSET LILY

505. A new giant race—growing 6 to 7 ft. high, producing a multitude of richly colored flowers. The finest new lily to date. 6 for \$1.50; 2 for .....

**59c**  
Postpaid



### Fascinating TRIUMPH TULIPS IMPORTED

A glorious new Giant-Flowered race—blooming between the Early Singles and Darwins. This class of Tulips offer the world's finest varieties. Every bulb is 4½ inches around, or larger, and I guarantee "A bloom in every bulb". Be sure to select at least two or three of these—or order the money-saving collection below.

100. **TOSCA.** 22 inches. Because this is the most outstanding tulip in my trial garden, I personally selected it for our front cover. Immense flowers of a rich, sparkling wine-red, edges marked feathery white. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

101. **FIREBRAND.** 24 inches. Splendid, large blood-red flowers with yellow edges, and straight, strong stalks. 5 for 49c; 12 for 94c; 25 for \$1.69; 100 for \$5.98.

102. **SHENANDOAH.** 23 inches. I recommend this attractive tulip because of its striking canary yellow blooms that glisten in the sun. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

103. **AMERICAN BEAUTY.** 22 inches. Red-violet, tinted rose-red; inside wine-red. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

104. **LORD CARNARVON.** 25 inches. Clear pink, edged white, large and long lasting. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

### Dutch Triumph Collection

(Every bulb is labelled. All postpaid.)

106. 40 Bulbs (8 each of the above)... \$2.19

107. 100 Bulbs (20 each of the above)... 4.75

**15 Bulbs** 3 each of the above... **89c**  
(Order No. 105)

I placed these five Tulips on the front cover of my Fall Book, because every garden should have them. They are the finest extra large bulbs, guaranteed to produce "a bloom in every bulb."

Earl E. May



*Earl May* **Guarantees**

# A BLOOM IN EVERY BULB!



and exactly as represented—I'm going far beyond that and guaranteeing that every bulb you buy from Earl May **WILL BLOOM**.

I can make such a guarantee because I know that every item in this book is right. My buyers have combed the offerings of the world's finest bulb growers. We have bought bulbs for your garden just as carefully and conscientiously as if every one of them was going into my own yard.

So you can read this book with the fullest assurance that anything you select here for planting this fall will bring you joy next spring. You can buy with the comfortable knowledge that every Earl May bulb is sound to the core—and that the long winter months will lead to a blaze of beauty at every spot where you've planted one of my bulbs.

Just one word of caution. Most of my offerings in this book are imported, which means that our stocks are limited. Once a bin is cleaned out, we can't ship any more. So you'd do well to protect yourself by getting your order in early.

*Earl E. May*

I guarantee everything in this book, Dutch Bulbs, Nursery-stock, Seeds, and all my special bargain offers to be true to name. If anything you purchase does not come up to every expectation, or does not arrive in good condition, I'll replace it free, if you notify me at once. *Earl E. May*.

## FREE GIFTS

I have selected the two finest items in my Fall Bulb Book to send you as free gifts. One is the spectacular Sunset Lily you'll find illustrated on the front cover—and the other is a famous, new Shirley Temple Tulip—a Triumph—which is described and pictured in color on Page 9.

And here is how you get them—

With any \$2.00 to \$4.99 order—you may have your choice of one glorious Sunset Lily bulb—or two bulbs of the new Shirley Temple Tulip. (Either is worth 30c.)

With any \$5.00 order and up—I will send you your choice of three Sunset Lily bulbs, or six giant Shirley Temple bulbs. (Either is worth 85c.)

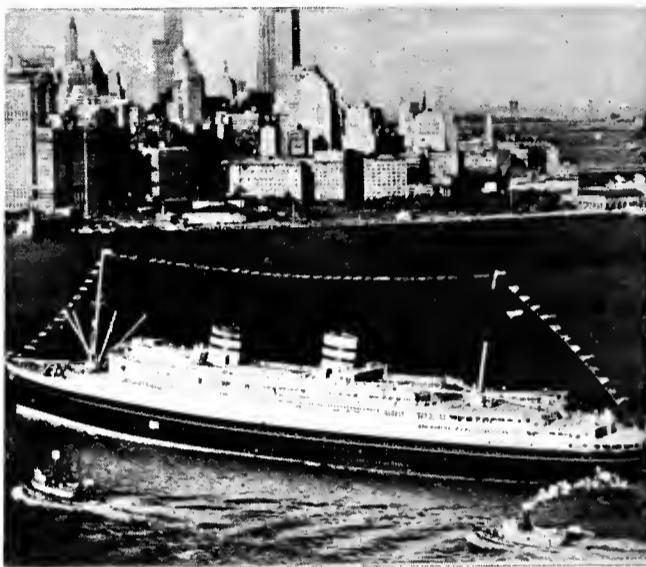
Be sure to include the new Sunset Lily, or the Shirley Temple Tulip in your order, at my expense.



**Direct**

**I import for you only the finest, healthiest, genuine Dutch bulbs.**

Everyone knows that genuine Holland grown bulbs are the best in the world. They are healthy, beautiful, strong. That is why I can easily guarantee my giant-sized Holland bulbs, for every one is 4½ inches or more around. I absolutely guarantee that you will get a "bloom in every bulb."



Here is the beautiful, fast Holland-American liner, "Nieuw Amsterdam"—the ship that brings Holland's wonderful bulbs to America for Earl May customers.

Remember, you can still order from my 1938 Spring Catalog, as well as from this Fall Book. Get it out now, and order what you need—for delivery this fall or next spring, as you prefer.

### For successful fall planting

With every order, I will send you free a copy of my "How to Plant" book. This excellent 16-page book gives you complete information on how to plant and care for the bulbs and nursery stock you will receive from me this fall.

### Don't miss Tinka and Hans!

Look on the back cover, and you'll find two of the sweetest Dutch dolls you ever saw, pictured in natural color. Be sure to read the interesting story about how you can get them for your children at such little cost.



My daughter Frances snapped this picture of me last spring while I was admiring one of my lovely beds of tulips.

# from Holland

An easy way to save money  
**BUY TULIPS BY COLOR**



Aren't these people from the bulb country interesting? Mrs. May thinks the little boy on the left looks mighty proud to be in a picture with so many pretty girls.

For your own good, I urge you to study every page in this catalog. There are lots of bargains on every page—typical Earl May bargains—the kind that mean honest value, backed by my own personal guarantee.

#### Order as you please!

You can buy from this book in just about any way you wish. I've suggested many fine collections to you—for your convenience, and for the sake of economy. But, of course, you can buy single items, or collections, or any sort of combination you want to work out for yourself. Just select what you want, in whatever combination you want, and note it on your order blank.

#### Your order is shipped at my expense

Your order will be shipped to you promptly, at the proper season. You'll be advised if the items you want can't be shipped safely when your order comes in.

I PAY POSTAGE ON EVERYTHING LISTED IN THIS CATALOG. After you've sent your order in, you have nothing further to worry about. All bulbs, plants and shrubs in this catalog will be delivered to your door, postpaid.

## SUPER-GIANT DARWINS

### REAL "QUEENS OF HOLLAND"

Here are seven very distinguished members of the Darwin Tulip Family. Each one deserves your attention because of the gladness it will bring to your garden in May. Perfect cup-shaped flowers on tall, strong stems, wonderful for cutting.

109. CLARA BUTT. 21 inches. Pure, shining pink—well liked because of its beauty and blending qualities. 5 for 35¢; 12 for 59¢; 25 for 98¢; 100 for \$3.59.

110. FARNCOMBE SANDERS. 29 inches. Fiery rose-scarlet; perfect flowers of mammoth size. Excellent for bedding. 5 for 37¢; 12 for 65¢; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

111. GOLDEN DAWN. 23 inches. Yellow as early morning rays of sunshine. 5 for 39¢; 12 for 69¢; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

108. PRIDE OF HAARLEM. 27 inches. Everybody's favorite. Large, well-formed, rosy-red flowers, sweet scented. 5 for 35¢; 12 for 59¢; 25 for 98¢; 100 for \$3.59.

114. ROSE QUEEN. 30 inches. Stately, well named tulip. Bright, lilac-rose, shading to silvery pink. 5 for 37¢; 12 for 65¢; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

113. SCARLET O'HARA. 23 inches. Glowing scarlet that blazes like a bonfire in the garden. Flower is magnificent in size, color and beauty. 5 for 39¢; 12 for 69¢; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

112. WM. COPELAND. 25 inches. Lilac-rose shading to pink, excellent for bedding. 5 for 37¢; 12 for 65¢; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

Last spring, I noticed that so many people who visited my trial Tulip Gardens were much more impressed by the colors than by the individual varieties. One bed that particularly took everyone's eye was planted with 20 red, 20 white, 20 yellow, 20 pink, and 20 blue tulips. So I decided to make up a collection of these very same colors to offer my friends.

This excellent color collection of tulips carries Earl May's full guarantee and is made up of fine, imported Super-Giant Bulbs, and you can order any of the collections listed below with confidence.

#### Red, White, Blue, Pink, Yellow Color Collection of Dutch Tulips

**50 Bulbs** 10 of each **\$2.19**

(Order No. 192)

**100 Bulbs** (20 of each) **3.79**

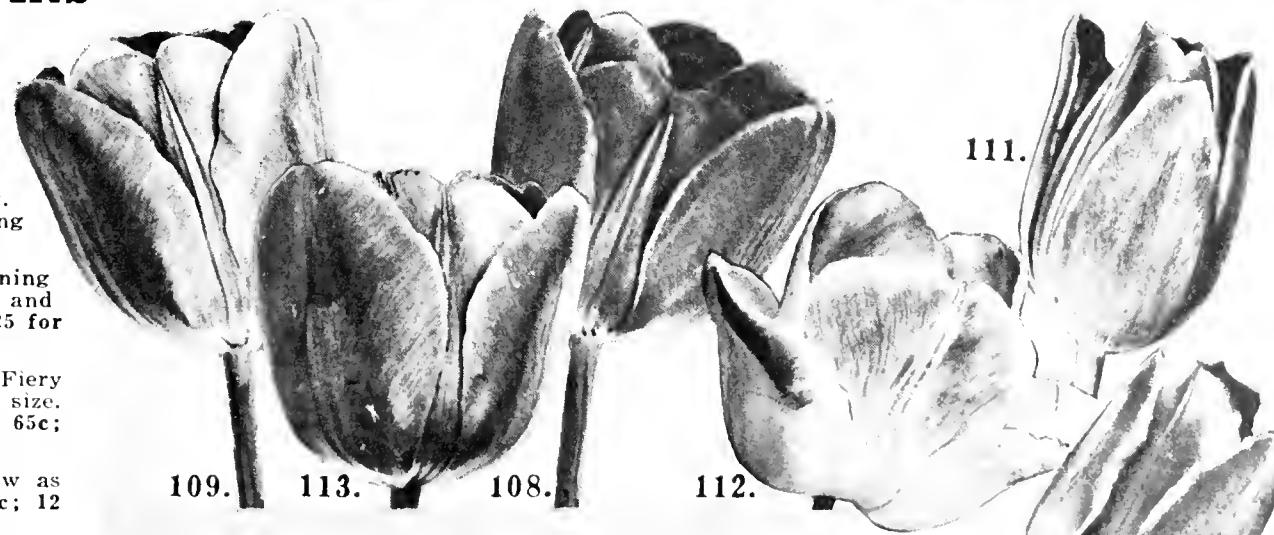
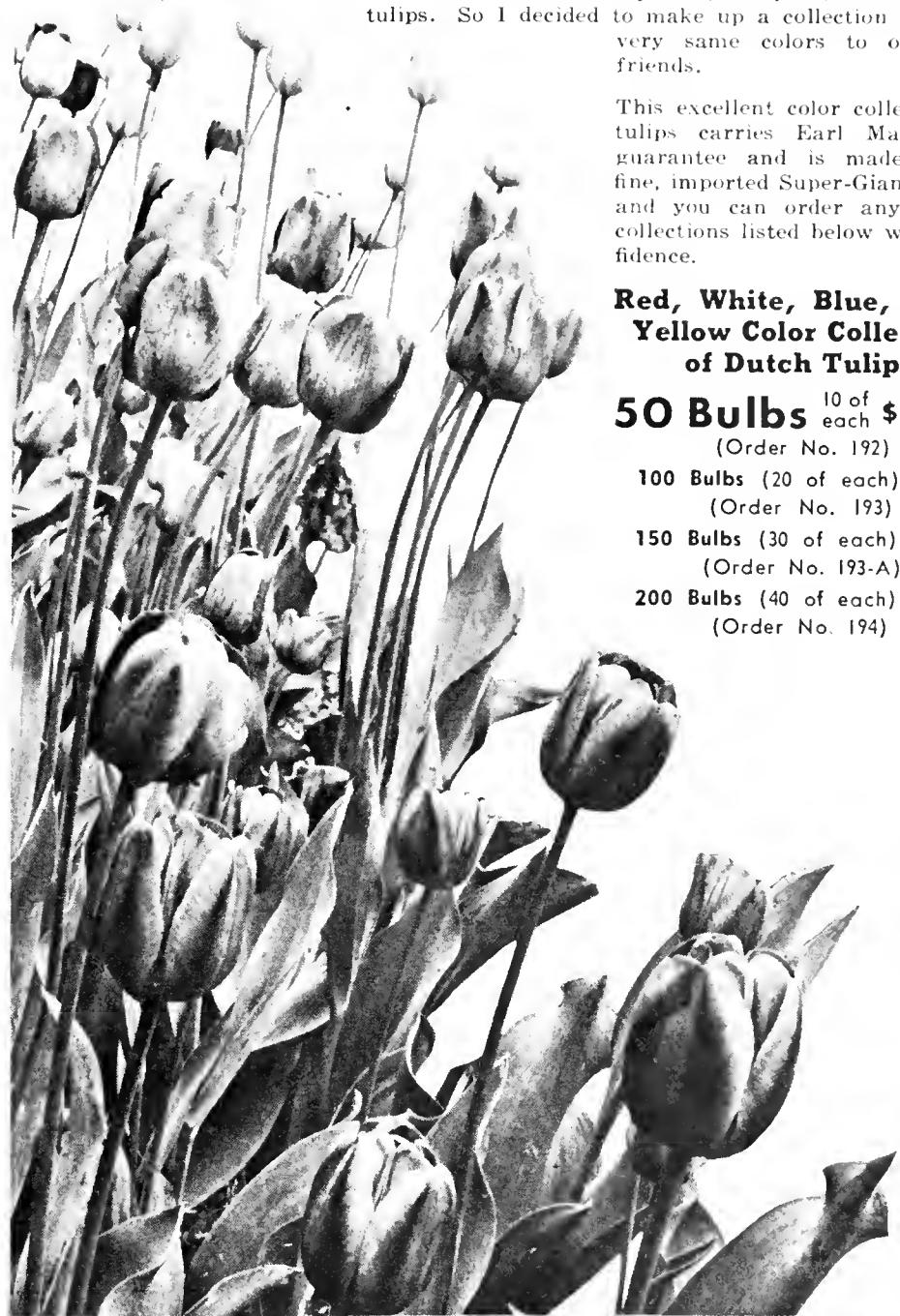
(Order No. 193)

**150 Bulbs** (30 of each) **5.39**

(Order No. 193-A)

**200 Bulbs** (40 of each) **6.98**

(Order No. 194)



#### DUTCH QUEENS COLLECTION

True monarchs, reigning with a beauty that will make your garden the wonder-spot of your neighborhood. You can plant any one of my Super-Giant gardens below with utmost confidence—every bulb is giant-size, healthy, 4½ inches around or more.

**21 Bulbs** (3 each as listed).....\$ .89

(Order No. 115)

**49 Bulbs** (7 each as listed).....1.95

(Order No. 116)

**98 Bulbs** (14 each as listed).....3.48

(Order No. 117)

(Every bulb labelled)



## Five Selected Giant Imported DARWINS

These flashing beauties are in a class by themselves, with their mammoth, showy blooms. Every giant bulb is imported direct from Holland, and carries my famous "A bloom in every bulb" guarantee.

143. REV. H. EWBANK. 25 inches. Plant this popular heliotrope-lilac Darwin with yellow tulips for a lovely blending of colors. 5 for 37c; 12 for 65c; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

144. PINK FAVORITE. 26 inches. A beautiful watermelon-pink Cottage Tulip, resembling a rosebud before it opens. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

145. ALPINE SNOW. 29 inches. In my opinion, the most beautiful white Darwin available. Large blooms on fine stiff stems. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

146. PANSY BLUE. 27 inches. A wonderful rosy lavender Darwin with a glossy lilac overtone. Fragrant, long-stemmed, long-keeping. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

147. BARTIGON. 28 inches. An effective tulip of sturdy habit. Fiery-crimson colored, and unusually lovely. A "tops" Darwin. 5 for 37c; 12 for 65c; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

## Four Rare, Interesting Novelties

I have selected these Novel Tulips for you, because each one is distinctly different, and charming.

151. CHINESE LANTERN TULIP (Acuminata). 15 inches. Unusual, extra long, narrow flowers—yellow streaked with orange-red, tapering to almost thread-like points. 5 for 98c; 12 for \$2.10; 25 for \$3.98; 100 for \$12.98.

152. MADAME MOTTET (Bunch-Flowering). 24 inches. As high as 8 flowers from one bulb. The blooms are good sized, and give you a great mass of color. Rosy red, shaded purple. 5 for 72c; 12 for \$1.39; 25 for \$2.69; 100 for \$9.50.

195. MONSIEUR MOTTET (Bunch-Flowering). 26 inches. As many as 6 ivory-white flowers from one bulb; all blooming at the same time. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

153. HAD'EZ (Grand Due). 15 inches. Fiery bright red flowers, with a broad seam of gold that glistens in the sunlight. Early blooming. 5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.

## STARS OF HOLLAND GARDEN

Complete your early flower garden with these four rare tulips—at little cost. (Every bulb is labelled)

8 Bulbs 2 each of the above 98c  
(Order No. 154)

24 Bulbs (6 each of the above) 2.59  
(Order No. 155)

60 Bulbs (15 each of the above) 5.50  
(Order No. 156)



151  
Chinese Lantern

## A Gorgeous Blend of Color

Through sheer merit, these 4 Super-size Dutch Giant tulips have won a place in the hearts and gardens of all flower lovers. Each bulb is 4½ inches or more around, and carries my famous guarantee of a bloom in every bulb.

136. TUDOR CITY. 25 inches. In every way, one of the best Triumphs. Vivid pure rose, cast over a creamy white, and veined with a deeper rose tone. Tall, vigorous grower. 5 for 39c; 12 for 72c; 25 for \$1.25; 100 for \$4.50.

137. YELLOW GIANT. 28 inches. Truly a 14 karat gold Super Giant Darwin—not only in color but in achievement. New, and brilliant. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

138. RED PRINCE, (Rembrandt). 28 inches. Here is a striking new tulip for you, a real show winner. Fiery red flames on cherry rose background, streaked and white feathered edges. 5 for 49c; 12 for 94c; 25 for \$1.69; 100 for \$5.98.

139. THE BISHOP. 28 inches. A fine dark Darwin to use for contrast. Blooms are bowl-shaped, rich deep violet with a blue base. Superb when planted with yellow daffodils. 5 for 49c; 12 for 94c; 25 for \$1.69; 100 for \$5.98.

Remember, you can still order from my 1938 Spring Catalog, as well as from this Fall Book. Get it out now, and order what you need—for delivery this fall or next spring, as you prefer.

## DUTCH DARWINS



### Quintuplet Collection

I offer my friends a wealth of dazzling May-time garden beauty in these collections—at low prices, within the reach of all!

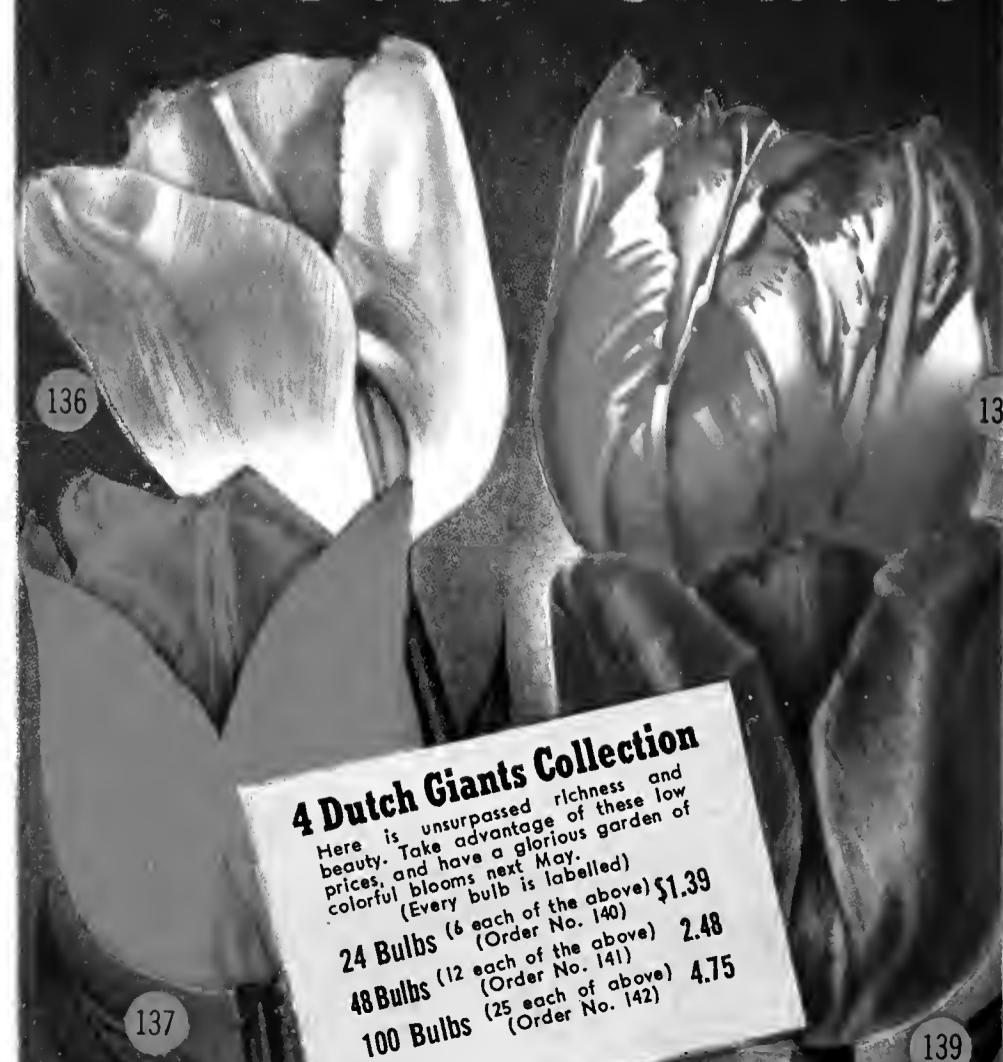
(Every bulb is labelled)

20 Bulbs (4 each of the above) \$1.00  
(Order No. 148)

50 Bulbs (10 each of the above) 2.25  
(Order No. 149)

100 Bulbs (20 each of the above) 4.19  
(Order No. 150)

## 4 DUTCH GIANTS



### 4 Dutch Giants Collection

Here is unsurpassed richness and beauty. Take advantage of these low prices, and have a glorious garden of colorful blooms next May.

(Every bulb is labelled)

24 Bulbs (6 each of the above) \$1.39  
(Order No. 140)

48 Bulbs (12 each of the above) 2.48  
(Order No. 141)

100 Bulbs (25 each of the above) 4.75  
(Order No. 142)

# GIANT BREEDERS



## LILY-FLOWERED COTTAGE



## Dutch BREEDER Tulips

These stately, beautifully colored Dutch Breeders represent the true nobility of the tulip world. The immense blooms are borne on stiff, strong stems. Every fine, giant imported Dutch bulb, is over 4½ inches around, and has my famous "A bloom in every bulb" guarantee.

- 128. SUNSET. 30 inches. Very large and showy. Blooms well formed, and very fragrant. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.
- 129. PINK PEARL. 29 inches. Wonderfully formed—a beautiful and truly exquisite flower. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.
- 130. LOUIS XIV. 34 inches. Vigorous, deliciously scented, and wonderfully blended in color. A real "King" among tulips. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.
- 131. INDIAN CHIEF. 36 inches. Aptly named, because it so closely resembles a fine Indian Chief—both in its coppery color, and stately bearing. 5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.
- 132. SUN O' THE GOLDEN WEST. 28 inches. A gorgeous glistening new tulip, perfectly shaped. 5 for 59c; 12 for \$1.08; 25 for \$1.98; 100 for \$6.98.

## Exotic Imported Beauties



These rare Botanical Tulips have charm, grace, and a daintiness that will appeal to every lover of beauty. All bloom very early, and will bring a new and unusual effect into your garden.

- 118. DAINTY LADY or CANDLESTICK TULIP (Clusiana). 14 inches. Lovely, long, pointed blooms, graceful and sturdy. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.
- 119. ORIENTAL BEAUTY (Eichleri). 12 inches. From Turkestan—a new wonder-gem in Tulips. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

- 120. THE WATER-LILY TULIP (Kaufmanniana). 12 inches. Resembles a water lily when fully open. Another beauty for your early garden. 5 for 75c; 12 for \$1.39; 25 for \$2.59; 100 for \$9.48.

## DUTCH NOVELTY GARDEN

Every one exotic and exciting—in form, and in color!

- (Every bulb is labelled)
- 18 Bulbs (6 each of the above) \$1.39  
(Order No. 124)
- 45 Bulbs (15 each of the above) \$3.15  
(Order No. 125)
- 75 Bulbs (25 each of the above) 4.65  
(Order No. 126)

## Lily Flowered COTTAGE Tulips

Recapture the charm of an old-world cottage garden in the spring, with these graceful tulips. They are very popular, blooming the same time as Darwins and Breeders, with which they combine admirably. Wonderful for cutting—and remember my guarantee—"A bloom in every bulb".

- 164. RED ROCKET (Lily Flowered). 28 inches. The vivid coloring of this tulip will capture your eye above all others in the garden. An outstanding, excellent variety. 5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.
- 165. PICOTEE (Lily Flowered). 22 inches. The Dutch call this Tulip "Maiden's Blush" because of its daintiness, and coloring. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.
- 166. MRS. MOON (Lily Flowered). 24 inches. Tall, golden, sparkling—really the finest yellow tulip we have. Gives a startling effect when planted among purple Iris. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.
- 167. SIRENE (Lily Flowered). 24 inches. Long, narrow, satiny flowers that have the appearance of a lily when open. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

*Earl E. May Seed Company*

# DeLuxe GIANT DARWIN TULIPS

# DUTCH GIANTS

195. **AFTERGLOW.** 36 inches. A fascinating Tulip of beautiful, clear, deep rose, with salmon pink edge and a rosy-orange glow. The inside is a brilliant orange-topaz. A truly outstanding variety. 5 for 37c; 12 for 65c; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

196. **DREAM.** 26 inches. This color will impress you with its loveliness—a soft rosy mauve cast over a bright heliotrope background with a silvery sheen. Large, cup-shaped flower on elegant, long, graceful stem. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

161. **BLACK EAGLE.** 27 inches. The rare beauty of this unusual hybrid variety has spread its fame far and wide. It was so popular with us last fall, that I sent out 17,540 giant bulbs to my friends and customers. Rich, deep, glossy purple, almost black. A real prize winner. "Black Eagle," say Holland experts, "is the superior Black tulip of today." 5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.

121. **CITY OF HAARLEM.** 27 inches. This is the most brilliant red Darwin — magnificent cup-shaped flowers of a scorching vermillion-scarlet. The deep violet base of this tulip, outlined in white, gives it a striking effect when open. 5 for 49c; 12 for 94c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$5.98.

197. **FLAMINGO.** 28 inches. Like an exquisite gem—with its delicate shell pink flowers. Plant among your lavender shaded tulips for a wonderful contrast. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

198. **PRES. TAFT.** 28 inches. An extra choice Darwin Tulip. Rich, deep red, with a glowing vermillion highlight. 5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.

199. **VALENTINE.** 24 inches. A truly glorious large flowered tulip. Outstanding for its deep violet-purple coloring, and its glistening, metallic sheen. Well-formed flowers. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

1990. **VENUS.** 28 inches. Mrs. May thinks this is one of the finest of all pink tulips, because of its pleasing silvery-pink sheen with a pure white base, and large beautifully-formed blooms. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

1992. **ZWANENBURG.** 30 inches. Still the most beautiful white Darwin Tulip and, in my opinion, the finest available. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

122. **QUEEN OF THE NORTH** (Triumph). 26 inches. A real Dutch Tulip Queen. Mammoth, large flowers of peach pink, flushed creamy white at the base. 5 for 59c; 12 for \$1.08; 25 for \$1.98; 100 for \$6.98.



# A BLOOM IN EVERY BULB

is my unqualified guarantee with each and every order . . . and I'm sure all my friends know I mean every promise I make to them.

## Novel May-Flowering Tulips

163. **AMBROSIA** (Cottage). 25 inches. Nature has lavishly given this wonder tulip a splash of almost every color from her artist's palette. Luscious shades of lilac-rose, coral-apricot, yellow and hortensia-pink are all combined in this fragrant flower. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

157. **GLACIER** (Cottage). 28 inches. As white as a Christmas snow, with long, pointed black anthers. Flowers are cup-shaped, and are marvelous for cutting. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

159. **DIDO** (Cottage). 28 inches. Shimmering copper, that opens to show a flaming orange interior. I really like this bewitching tulip, and would like to see it growing in every garden. Long, large, magnificent flowers. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

123. **JEANNE DESOR** (Cottage). 28 inches. You really should add this colorful tulip to your collection. It's strikingly new with its combination of deep orange—yellow coloring, and brilliant scarlet border. 5 for 63c; 12 for \$1.15; 25 for \$2.10; 100 for \$7.25.

160. **AVIATOR HAWKS** (Cottage). 22 inches. Be the first in your neighborhood to have this extraordinary new tulip. Vivid old-rose. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

127. **BLUE FLAG** (Double Cottage). 22 inches. Mammoth double flowers of a glorious heliotrope blue, looking for all the world like a blue peony. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

## **Two Striking Novelties**

162. SUNDEW (Dragon Tulip). 26 inches. The exquisite Sundew is undoubtedly one of the most unusual tulips in existence. Double fringed, ruffled petals, softly colored crimson red. **5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.**

158. FANTASY. 21 inches. The sensational Parrot tulip of unusual vigor and strength, combining shades of salmon-pink and geranium-rose with splashes of deep green. Its elegantly lacinated petal edges add to the beauty of this unique variety. Wonderful lasting qualities, making it excellent for cutting. **5 for 53c; 12 for 98c; 25 for \$1.75; 100 for \$6.50.**

## Make Up Your Own Collections

Remember you can buy as you please from any part of this book. I have made a lot of special group offers, to help you save money, but if you want other selections or combinations, you can have any item in the book, singly or grouped with other items, as you prefer.



(Top) Sundew  
(Bottom) Fantasy

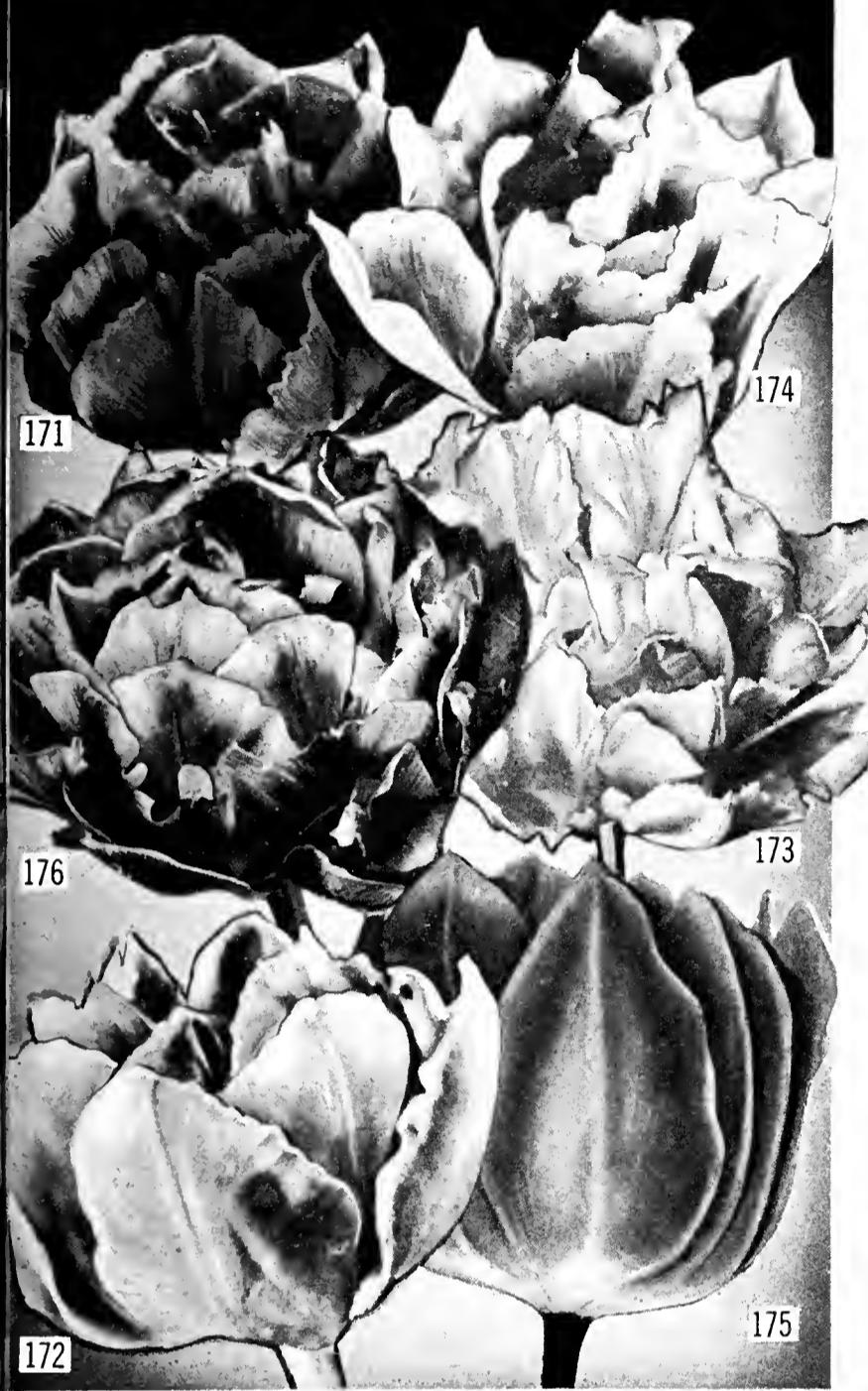
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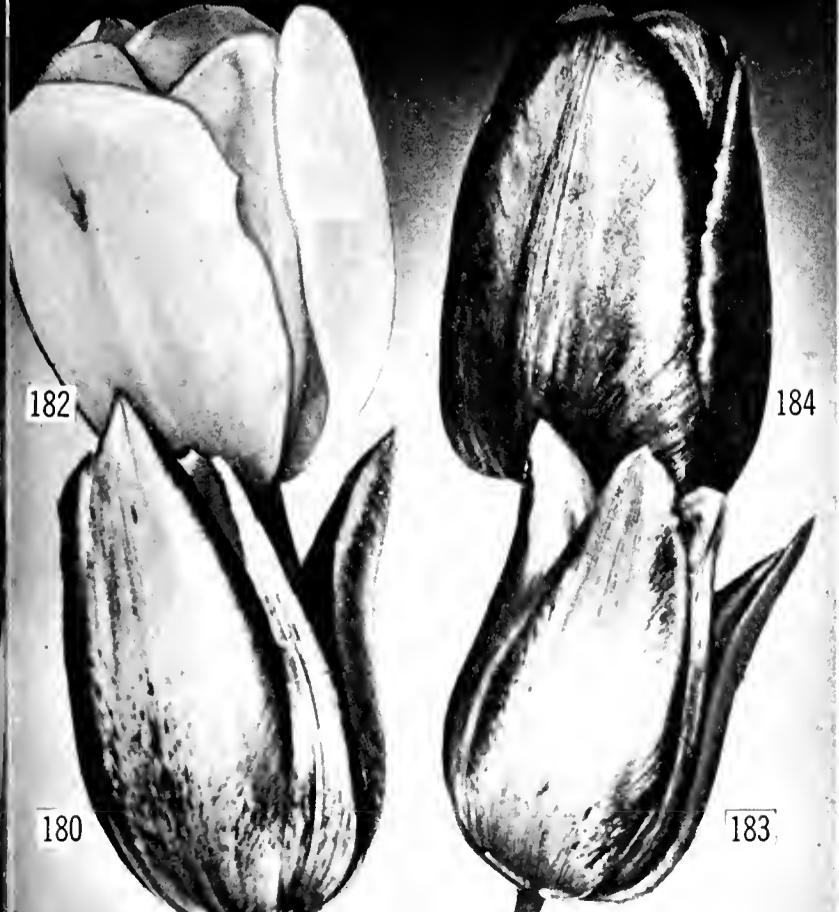
on everything in this catalog. All bulbs, plants and shrubs you order will come straight to your door, and you won't have to pay a penny of the parcel post, or express charges.

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Pearl E. May

# DOUBLE EARLY



# SINGLE EARLY



# PEONY-FLOWERED TULIPS

## (DOUBLE EARLY)

These early exquisite jewels of the garden closely resemble large double peonies, or roses. Equally effective in beds, or in mass planting—and I specially recommend them for spots where the taller varieties aren't suitable. Every fine, healthy bulb I send you is imported direct from Holland, and measures 4½ inches around, or more. All bloom several weeks before the Darwins. Excellent for inside forcing.

**171. ELECTRA.** 12 inches. Beautiful deep rose flowers of enormous size, feathered violet. Excellent for beds. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.29; 100 for \$4.48.

**172. MR. VAN DER HOEF.** 12 inches. A lovely yellow sport of Murillo. One of the finest primrose-yellow, double Tulips. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.29; 100 for \$4.48.

**173. MURILLO.** 13 inches. Excellent rose-pink. One of the most popular "peony-flowered" tulips. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

**174. ORANGE NASSAU.** 12 inches. An unusual color, orange-red, resembling that famous rose, Talisman. Very desirable and beautiful. 5 for 45c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.49; 100 for \$5.48.

**175. PEACH BLOSSOM.** 14 inches. Gorgeous rose-pink flower changing to red. Lasts exceptionally well when cut. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

**176. VUURBAAK.** 12 inches. Brilliant scarlet flowers resembling Karl Rosenfeld Peonies. Truly a handsome tulip. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

## DUTCH PEONY FLOWERED COLLECTION

(All labelled)

**24 Bulbs** 4 each of the above..... \$1.29 each

(Order No. 177)

**60 Bulbs** (10 each of the above)..... \$2.89 each

(Order No. 178)

**120 Bulbs** (20 each of the above)..... 5.25 each

(Order No. 179)

## Mrs. May's SKYROCKET Tulip Collection

Here again, Mrs. May has done a fine job of making up a collection for you. In her grand Skyrocket Tulip Collection, she has chosen 25 wonderful varieties to give you a mass of blooms from early April until the end of May. Every bulb is giant-size (4½ inches around or larger) and came direct from Holland. Every color to be found in tulips is included, and remember—"a bloom in every bulb."

(Nat labelled)

**190. 25 for \$1.29; 50 for \$2.15; 100 for \$3.69.**

## SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

Few, if any, of the spring-blooming flowers rival the Single Early Tulips for brilliancy of bloom or ease of culture. I offer you only such varieties as are sure to produce the best results. Bloom in April and early May on stems 12 to 16 inches high. Excellent for forcing inside in pots or pans.

**191. BRILLIANT STAR.** 12 inches Bright, glistening scarlet with a yellow base; very large flower of perfect shape. 5 for 39c; 12 for 69c; 25 for \$1.15; 100 for \$4.25.

**180. FIREGLOW.** (De Wet). 16 inches. Sunrise yellow and deep orange; large, fragrant flower. Distinct color. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

**181. GOLDFINCH.** 14 inches. Pure buttercup yellow, retaining its color until the petals drop. Sweet-scented. 5 for 37c; 12 for 65c; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

**182. LADY BOREEL.** 13 inches. Large, long, snowy white flower of splendid shape. The finest white tulip for bedding. 5 for 42c; 12 for 75c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$4.89.

**183. IBIS.** 14 inches. Excellent, deep, brilliant pink. Just the color of Pink Cushion Mums. Beautiful. 5 for 35c; 12 for 59c; 25 for 98c; 100 for \$3.59.

**184. PRESIDENT LINCOLN.** 12 inches. Large flower of clear reddish-violet. Excellent for planting with a yellow variety. 5 for 37c; 12 for 65c; 25 for \$1.09; 100 for \$3.89.

## SPIRIT OF SPRING COLLECTION

This collection is made especially for those who want flowers real early in the spring, when color is needed so badly in the garden.

(All labelled)

**185. 18 Bulbs** 3 each of the above..... 89c each

**186. 48 Bulbs** (8 each of the above)..... 1.98 each

**187. 90 Bulbs** (15 each of the above)..... 3.79 each



# Lovely, Sturdy Narcissus (DAFFODILS)

Either Plant or Pot for Glorious Blooms

Even before the first Robin dares to sing, these gallant spring flowers start peeping out of the ground—bringing promise of the earth's awakening. You'll get dainty, delicately colored flowers from our fine selected giant sized bulbs, and they'll increase in size and beauty every year.

300. RED CHIEF OR BONFIRE (Barri). The picture at the right tells you why this unusual, striking variety should be in every garden. 5 for 69c; 12 for \$1.25; 25 for \$2.15.

301. EMPEROR (Trumpet). A really grand daffodil. Fine for bedding or pot growing indoors. 5 for 49c; 12 for 89c; 25 for \$1.49.

302. KING ALFRED (Trumpet). Considered the best golden yellow Trumpet variety in existence. 5 for 75c; 12 for \$1.35; 25 for \$2.49.

303. EMPRESS. (Bi-color). A fitting companion to Emperor. Trumpet attractively wrinkled and flanged at edges. 5 for 49c; 12 for 89c; 25 for \$1.49.

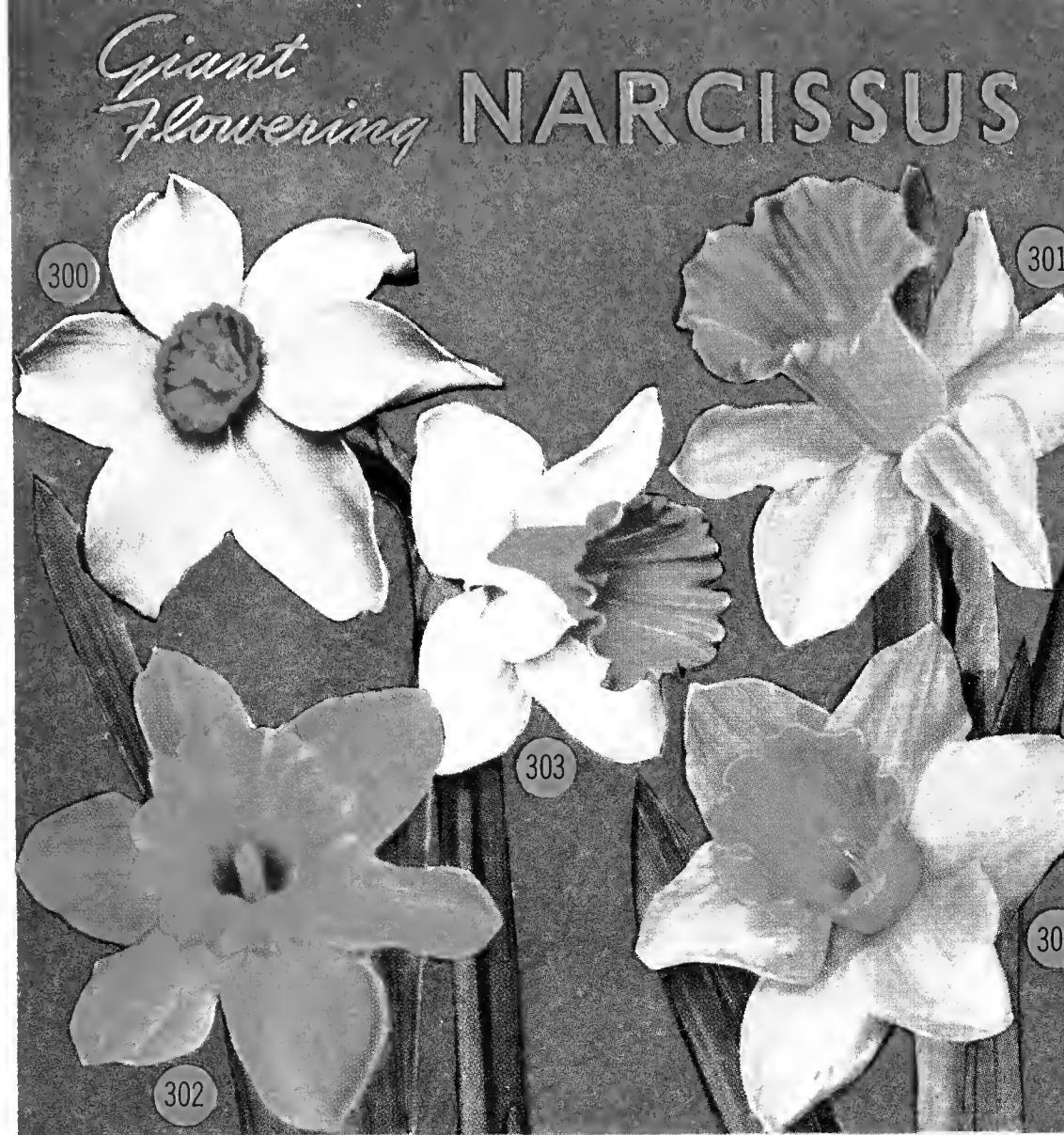
304. GLORY OF SASSENHEIM (Bi-color). Beautiful two-tone variety, with delicately frilled petals. 5 for 49c; 12 for 89c; 25 for \$1.49.

305. OLYMPIA (Trumpet). A majestic daffodil, resembling Emperor, but having much larger blooms. 5 for 72c; 12 for \$1.29; 25 for \$2.29.

## Giant Dutch Daffodil Garden

This collection is made up of the six choice daffodils described above—the true Kings and Queens of the daffodil realm. For little cost, it provides you with a glorious garden of royal beauty next spring.

All Labelled  
12 Bulbs 2 each of the above (Order No. 306) \$ .98  
24 Bulbs 4 each of the above (Order No. 307) 1.69  
48 Bulbs 8 each of the above (Order No. 308) 2.98



## HARDY HYACINTHS



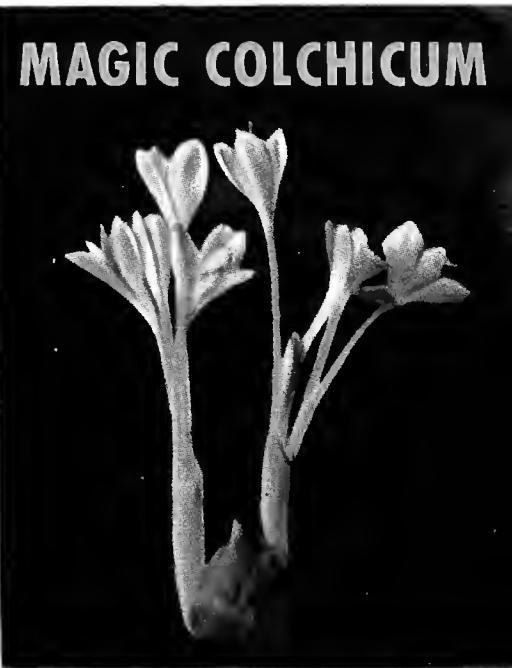
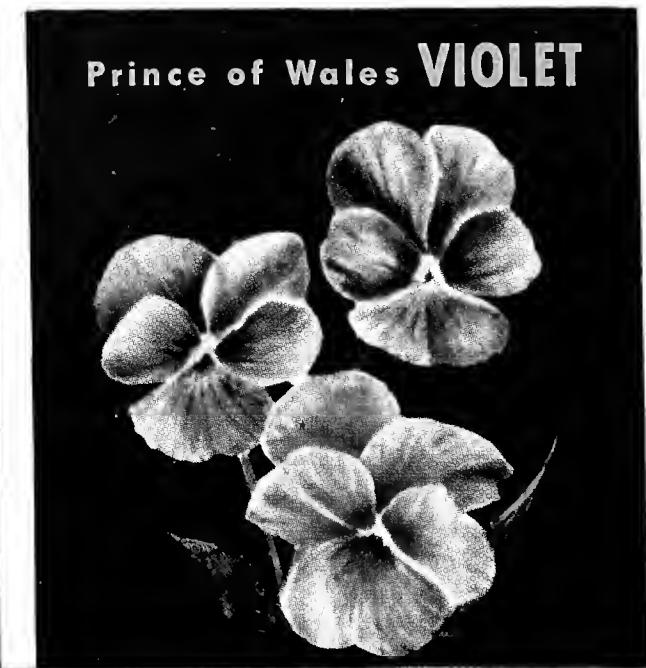
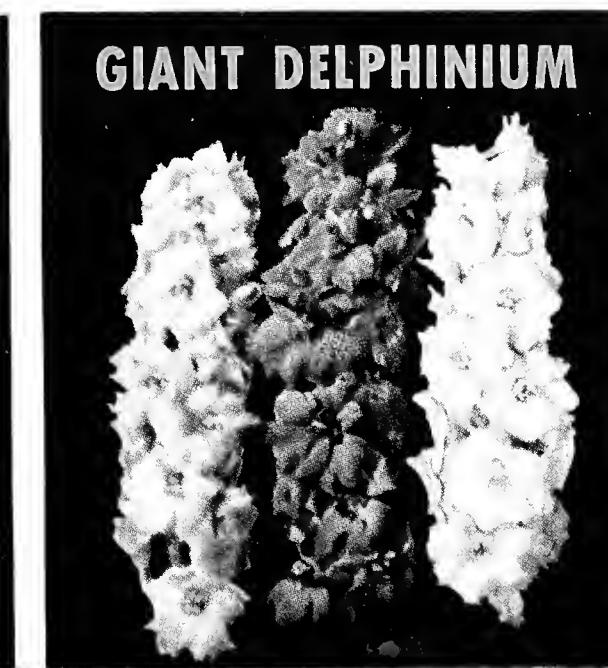
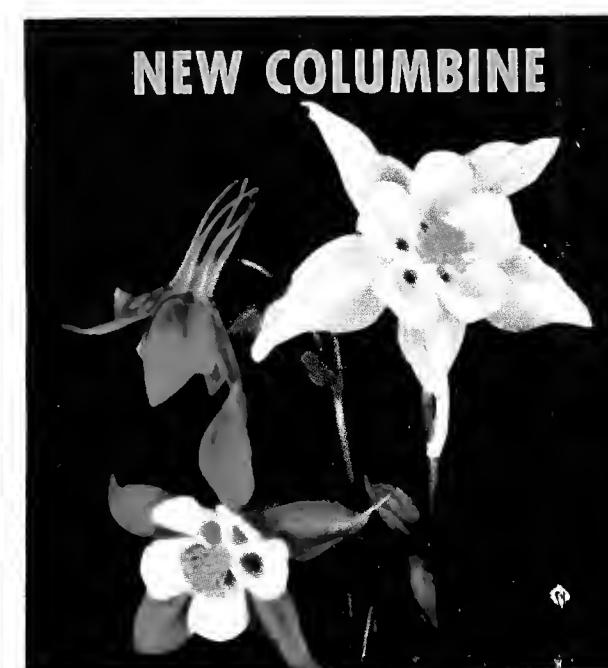
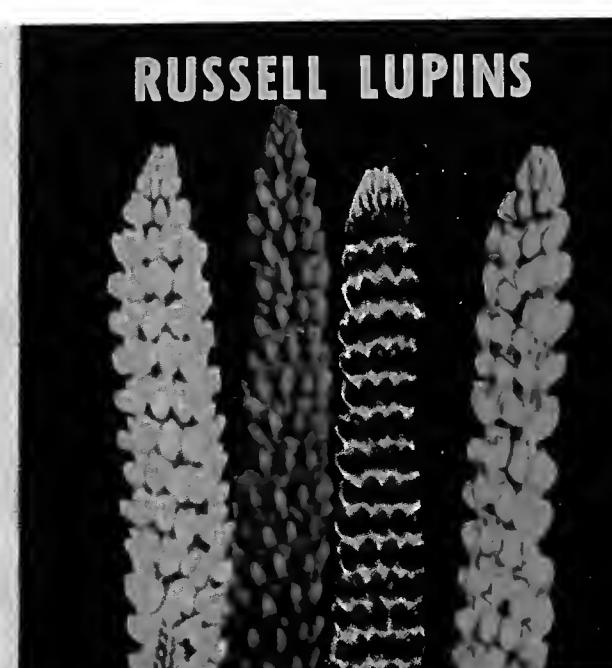
For a Glorious surprise next spring

PLANT THESE NEW, UNUSUAL

NOVELTIES THIS FALL!

If I could only show you these flowers as they're growing in my garden, I know you'd insist on having every one of them for yourself. They are the kind of flowers that make your neighbors come around and ask to see them. Be sure to plant at least two or three of these this fall. I know you'll want to thank me next spring!

Earl E. May



702. RUSSELL LUPINS. The startling new English Perennial Novelty which has been the greatest sensation of the year. Grows 3 1/2 to 4 ft. high, in a solid, even mass of startling colors. Priced low at 49c each; 3 for \$1.25.

703. GYPSY QUEEN LUPINS. The finest strain of common Lupines. 2 to 3 ft. high. All colors, assorted. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

700. CRIMSON STAR (New, Long-spurred Columbine). Giant white petals and crimson spurs. Entirely new color. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

701. SILVER QUEEN (New, Long-spurred Columbine). Lovely, giant silvery-white petals and spurs. A real flower Queen. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

708. LE MASTODONTE DELPHINIUM. New, very large-flowered, extra dark blue. Finest of all the blue delphinium. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

709. GIANT KING DELPHINIUM (Hollyhock Hybrids). The newest and finest double-flowered hybrid offered today. All colors, assorted. 35c each; 4 for \$1.19.

704. PRINCE OF WALES VIOLET. New, hardy, giant, with deep purple flowers and a fascinating scent. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

705. VIOLA. New Blue Jersey Gem. Vigorous, growing, pansy-like flowers of deep blue color. Fragrant. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

400. MAGIC FLOWER (Colchicum). Giant size bulb. Blooms by itself without water, soil, or fiber. Just place the bulb on your table or desk, and it blooms. You can also plant this bulb in the garden after it has bloomed inside this winter. 29c each; 3 for 79c.

WHEN first I saw this glorious, new giant-flowering Triumph Tulip, I searched my mind for a name worthy of its loveliness. Somehow, its soft rose-pink coloring reminded me of the blush on the cheek of a golden-haired little girl—and because I know this wonderful tulip will become America's Sweetheart—I named it after the dearest little girl in all America—Shirley Temple, with her special permission.

This is probably the finest tulip that grows in Holland, and you can get it only from Earl May. Be the first in your neighborhood to have this garden novelty. The supply is very limited and we reserve the right to discontinue the sale at any time without notice. So order your supply of Shirley Temple Tulips now.

1993. 5 for 69c; 12 for \$1.19; 25 for \$1.95; 100 for \$7.59.

# Loveliest of all flowers FOR INDOOR PLANTING

Just a few pebbles, a bowl and water is all you need to keep springtime in your house all winter—with these fragrant, giant flowering Narcissus. They are so easy to grow, and you'll get the finest blooms from my healthy, Jumbo Bulbs.

And speaking of bowls, I want you to particularly notice the one pictured at the right. I wish you could see its beautiful pastel colors, and its sturdiness. You can, of course, buy cheap crockery bowls for less, but here is an all-steel, all purpose container that you'll have for years. Priced singly at only 59c it's a marvelous value—but by taking advantage of my "Complete Table Garden" offer, you'll get a typical, value giving, money saving, Earl E. May bargain.

317. PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS. Jumbo Bulbs Friends, these are the giant-flowering Paper White Narcissus. Everybody can grow them to perfection, and without any trouble at all can get showy, fragrant, white clusters of flowers. Remember, these are the finest that I can secure for you. 5 for 29c; 10 for 49c; 25 for \$1.00.

320. SOLEIL D'OR or Golden Sun Paper White Narcissus. These are just as easy to grow as Paper Whites. Produce large clusters of rich, golden yellow flowers with deep orange-red cups, which stand out prominently from the rich green foliage. Very fragrant. Another novelty for growing inside with Paper White Narcissus. 3 for 39c; 6 for 59c; 10 for 85c.

## Earl May's "3 BEST" for indoor growth



### HYACINTH MULTIFLORA

416. SENSATIONAL NEW MANY-FLOWERED MULTI-FLORA HYACINTH. A pot full of flowers from one bulb cluster. One Multiflora Hyacinth bulb produces 6 to 10 spikes of beautifully formed fragrant flowers that resemble the well-known Dutch Hyacinth. Each bulb is packed in an individual container and I can furnish you with three colors—white, pink and blue. 39c each; 3 for \$1.00.

### AMARYLLIS

418. GIANT AMARYLLIS. Jumbo Bulbs. There is no plant that will give you more pleasure to raise than this fine giant-flowering Amaryllis, because it is so easy to grow in the house. The strain I offer you is an extra fine variety, producing vigorous, heavy flower stems set with 4 to 6 gigantic blooms of perfect form. Bright red. 39c each; 3 for \$1.00.

### CALLA LILY

417. GOLDEN YELLOW CALLA LILIES. This finest of all Calla Lilies, has flowers as large as a Gladiolus. Rich, lustrous, golden-yellow, with creamy white spots. The foliage is a distinctive dark green. I really can't find words to describe this stately, beautiful lily—but urge you to grow some indoors this winter, so you can know their loveliness. 29c each; 4 for 98c.



### EARLY-FLOWERING SPRING CROCUS

Bravely, and hardily, these first flowers of spring defy the last melting snow. They bloom even before the first tulip, are extremely easy to grow, and multiply year after year.

410. GOLDEN YELLOW. A mammoth, free-flowering golden yellow Crocus.

411. MIKADO. White, striped with lilac, orange anthers.

412. KATHLEEN PARLOW. The finest of all pure white Crocus, having extra large cup-shaped blooms with rich orange anthers.

413. QUEEN OF THE BLUES. A lovely shade of deep lavender.

414. POLLUX. Extra large purple; very fine. One of the darkest purple Crocus.

Your selection of the above, assorted in any way you want them. 10 for 35c; 25 for 59c; 100 for \$1.98.

415. GIANT CROCUS MIXTURE. I've priced my mixed "a-bloom-in-every-bulb" Crocus so low that you'll be able to plant quantities of these brave, hardy spring flowers. 10 for 29c; 25 for 48c; 100 for \$1.48.

# Early-flowering SPRING NOVELTIES



401. MUSCARI GRAPE HYACINTH (Improved Heavenly Blue). 8 inches. One of the prettiest early spring flowering bulbs. Deep dark blue, bell-like flowers—resembling a miniature, inverted bunch of grapes. Hardy, wonderfully fragrant. 10 for 29c; 25 for 59c; 100 for \$1.89.

402. GLORY OF THE SNOW (Chionodoxa). 7 inches. Graceful, large blooms of deep sky-blue shading to white in the center. Perfectly hardy. This wonderful little flower brings you lovely rich blue flowers year after year. 10 for 29c; 25 for 59c; 100 for \$1.89.

403. SNOWDROPS (Galanthus). 7 inches. The earliest flowers of the spring, blooming even before the last of the snow has melted away. Lovely, large, white bells. Particularly effective under shrubs. 10 for 35c; 25 for 69c; 100 for \$2.19.

404. BLUE SQUILLS (Scilla Siberica). Drooping, bell-like flowers on 4 inch stems. Earliest of all blue flowers—grow well in almost any soil, and thrive in either sun or shade. Mammoth bulbs. 10 for 37c; 25 for 75c; 100 for \$2.45.



405. SPANISH BLUE BELLS (Scilla Campanulata). Pink, white, and blue. Very effective in the flower and shrubbery borders. Do well in the shade. Perfectly hardy, producing charming, large, bell-like blooms early in the spring. 10 for 39c; 25 for 79c; 100 for \$2.59.

406. GUINEA HEN FLOWER (Fritillaria). Height 10 to 15 inches. Known as the "checker lily." Has large, drooping, bell-shaped blooms of various colors and attractive checkerboard design. Does best in a semi-shady position. 10 for 45c; 25 for 89c; 100 for \$2.75.

407. WINTER BUTTERCUP (Eranthis). Height 4 inches. Blooms two weeks before Crocus. Beautiful, golden yellow Buttercups, surviving the worst weather conditions. Likes plenty of shade, and will thrive under trees. Plant plenty at these low prices. 10 for 37c; 25 for 75c; 100 for \$2.45.

## 20 MOST POPULAR IRIS \$100 POSTPAID

### —and 1 Glorious INDIAN CHIEF IRIS, my gift to you!

All the glorious colors of the rainbow are included in this wonderful collection—one each of the fine varieties listed below (not labelled). And with it I'll send you *absolutely free*, one 15c Indian Chief Iris, separately labelled. I guarantee you'll be completely satisfied with these plants.

765. INDIAN CHIEF. Grows 42 inches tall, and produces rich ruby-red flowers that defy description. This choice variety should be in every garden. Each, 15c; 8 for \$1.00. Remember, I give you one plant FREE with my "20 Most Popular Iris" offer.

766. A. E. KUNDRED—Yellow-bronze and red.

767. AFTERGLOW—Soft pink and rich yellow.

768. AGNES—Most beautiful blue.

769. BEAU IDEAL—Chinese violet on white.

770. CAPRICE—Deep rosy red.

771. DR. BERNICE—Bronze yellow and rich crimson.

772. ELDORADO—Yellowish-bronze and bright purple.

773. GERTRUDE—Rare violet blue. Very large.

774. JOAN DE WITT—Sky blue and purple. Veined white.

775. JUNIATA—Finest clear blue Iris.

776. KATHRYN FRYER—Sulphur yellow and rich violet red.

777. KOCHI—Like red velvet.

778. LEDA—White frilled and pink.

779. LENT A. WILLIAMSON—Very tall violet blue.

780. LEOTA—Very early, pure white.

781. LOHENGRIN—Silvery rose pink. Late blooming.

782. MONSIGNOR—Violet and purple crimson.

783. PERFECTION—Rich violet-blue.

784. PROSPER LAUGIER—Fiery bronze; rich, velvety purplish-red. Late blooming.

785. SHERWIN WRIGHT—Deep golden yellow.

**NAMED AND LABELLED VARIETIES — YOUR SELECTION OF THE ABOVE, POSTPAID 3 for 29c 6 for 50c 15 for 98c**

### WORLD FAMOUS SASS IRIS-EVERYONE A PRIZE WINNER

787. BALDWIN. A huge flower of shining violet-red, entirely different from others. 35c each.

788. BUTO. Rich velvety deep royal purple. Gigantic flower of perfect form. 25c each.

789. CHURCH MOUSE. A new color greatly admired, a brown Iris. No other color like it. 35c each.

790. EUPHONY. A true, mustard yellow and ruffled flower. 35c each.

792. KING TUT. A brownish-red, outstanding in every garden. 35c each.

793. MIDGARD. A lovely soft



Indian Chief

pink and yellow blend; 20c each.

794. PRAIRIE GOLD. Beautiful golden yellow flower, very large and fragrant. 20c each.

795. RED WING. Excellent rich maroon or red-brown. One of the best SASS Iris. 35c each.

796. WACONDA. A rich ruby violet and violet carmine red. 50c each.

**WORLD FAMOUS IRIS SPECIAL**

786. One each of all the above 9 SASS varieties labelled, for only \$2.59, postpaid to you.



Madonna Lily

### 408. "LITTLE DUTCH COLLECTION"

A collection of hardy, flowering bulbs that bloom during the early spring when flowers are needed so badly. Bring your garden a wealth of colorful flowers, all of them hardy, and easy to grow. Plant them in large quantities—around your shrubs, under the trees, among all your other flowers, and even on the lawn. They are very, very fine for permanent plantings.

20 Crocus Mixed; 20 Muscari; 20 Glory of the Snow; 10 Blue Squills; 20 Spanish Blue Bells; 10 Winter Buttercups.

**100 Bulbs.....\$1.85**  
(Order No. 408)

Save Money—buy two collections.

**200 Bulbs (2 collections) \$3.39**  
(Order No. 409)

### MADONNA LILY

(See picture below)

Beautiful, fragrant and historic Easter Lily, one of the loveliest white lilies in the world. Now offered to you at new low prices. These are some of the finest that come to America, being grown only in the north of France.

Selected Bulbs

2 for 29c; 6 for 75c;

10 for \$1.15

Postpaid

# Giant Oriental Poppies

## Plant this Fall for Spring Blooming

Grown from root cuttings or crown divisions, and guaranteed true to name—the very best No. 1 hardy plants, outdoor grown and transplanted. I absolutely guarantee that every Poppy on this list will give you satisfaction. *Earl E. May*

664. BEAUTY OF LIVERMORE. 36 inches. Finest, deep, dark red with black blotch. Very large flower. Sturdy, erect stems. 39c each; 3 for 89c.

665. CERISE BEAUTY. 32 inches. Crinkly, ruffled flowers of cerise pink or rosy red. Medium size flowers. 39c each; 3 for 89c.

666. FAIRY. 24 inches. A lovely pure pink Poppy. Medium size blooms. Excellent for small beds. 30c each; 4 for 98c.

667. JEANNE MAWSON. 32 inches. Large Geranium-pink flowers. Unquestionably a beauty. 39c each; 3 for 89c.

668. LULA A. NEELEY. 34 inches. Brilliant, oxblood red. Considered the finest red Oriental Poppy. 35c each; 3 for 89c.

### Special Collection Offer

669. 5 wonderful Oriental Poppies, each a different color, labelled, and postpaid to you. (1 each of the above)...\$1.35

### GIANT ORIENTAL HYBRIDS

Brilliantly colored orange, red, and scarlet hybrid seedlings, at prices so low that every flower lover can plant them.

680. 12 strong seedling plants, blooming size .....\$1.00

681. 12 Hybrids, transplanted size .....\$1.48

682. 12 Hybrids, Seedlings, small size .....69c

## Everblooming Phlox

### Every Phlox Plant Labelled True-to-Name

731. AFRICA. Brilliant carmine red, with a blood-red eye.  
732. BEACON. Finest cherry red, vivid and lovely.  
733. BRILLIANT. Radiant scarlet flowers with a darker eye.  
734. FIREBRAND. Dazzling orange-scarlet and vermillion.  
735. H. KOEHL. Deep velvety crimson. Finest red.

Your choice of varieties:  
Any 2, 49c; any 6, \$1.19.

### PRIZE WINNING RED PHLOX COLLECTION

736. The above collection of 5 excellent red Phlox, postpaid. 89c

744. ATHIS. Beautiful salmon pink.

745. ECLAIREUR. Brilliant carmine red.

746. G. VON LASSBURG. Splendid pure white.

747. LA VAGUE. Light purple, carmine eye.

748. R. P. STRUTHERS. All red or brilliant scarlet.

749. RICHARD WALLACE. Excellent white, crimson eye.

750. RIJNSTROOM. Rose-pink, color of Raul Neyron Rose.

751. THOR. Deep salmon pink, red eye.

Your selection of varieties:  
2 for 35c; 6 for 95c; postpaid.

### Earl May's Bargain Phlox Special

752. SPECIAL COLLECTION. 1 each of the above 8 varieties, postpaid .....\$1.00

670. MANDARIN. 28 inches. A splendid poppy, large flowers with no black blotch. 39c each; 3 for 89c.

671. MRS. PERRY PINK. 29 inches. Best of all "Pink" poppies. 29c each; 3 for 69c.

672. MRS. PERRY WHITE. 26 inches. This excellent, satiny white poppy belongs in your garden. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25.

673. NEGRILLION. 30 inches. A French variety of very unusual color. 50c each; 3 for \$1.25.

674. OLYMPIA. 32 inches. The earliest poppy to bloom. Double flowers about 4 inches across. 29c each; 3 for 69c.

### All-Color Poppy Collection

Plant this collection of sparkling Poppies early in the fall, and next spring you'll be thrilled by their perfection and beauty. (Order No. 675.)

5 Superb Oriental Poppies (1 each of the above, labelled) postpaid....

# ORIENTAL POPPIES



### The Best Reds

676. RED FLAME. 32 inches. Shining red, medium sized beautifully formed flowers, unusually straight stems. 45c each; 3 for \$1.20.

677. WELCOME. 38 inches. Dazzling immense red flowers, often 3 inches across. Heavy, strong stems. 39c each; 3 for 89c.

678. WURTEMBERGIA. A striking brilliant rose-red flower. Long a favorite. 35c each; 3 for 85c.

### All Red Collection

679. 3 magnificent red poppies (1 each of the above) labelled, postpaid .....89c

## HARDEST PHLOX



### Mrs. May's Special All-Color Phlox Collection

Mrs. May picked this collection from among her cherished favorites—and I guess you know that I think it's a pretty fine selection.

743. One each of the above 6 all-color Phlox, postpaid.....98c

### Special Saving

Buy 1 each of the above three collections for \$2.69, 19 Phlox in all, postpaid, and I will include without charge 1 famous Fire Chief Lily free. (Order No. 753.)

# BEST OF THE LILIES



## A Rainbow of Lilies

There is nothing lovelier than a garden full of stately lilies. I have chosen the very finest varieties to offer you, knowing each and every one will pay dividends in beauty.

500. PINK LADY LILY. (*Cer-*  
*nuum*). A rare and lovely lily from Northeastern China. Deep lilac-pink, spotted wine-purple. Height 2 feet, blooms in June and July. 2 for 49c; 6 for \$1.29.

501. ROSY WHITE REGAL LILY. Still America's favorite lily. Delightfully fragrant. Grows 3 to 5 feet tall. 3 year large size; 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00; 10 for \$1.45. 2 year blooming size; 2 for 29c; 6 for 79c; 10 for \$1.19.

502. RED FIRE CHIEF LILY. (*Tenuifolium*). The most popular

red lily grown today. 18 to 24 inches tall, with many flowers. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

503. EVERBLOOMING GREEN-THROATED PHILIPPINE LILY. I can't recommend this lily too highly. It is wonderfully fragrant, and very lovely. 3 to 4 feet. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

504. NEW CRIMSON STAR LILY. (*Concolor*). Be sure to include this handsome lily in your order. 18 inches high, with upright star-shaped flowers. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

506. GOLDEN YELLOW SHOW LILY (*Henryi*). Another excellent variety from China. Produces many blooms in July and August. 2 for 49c; 6 for \$1.29.

508. FIERY RED RUSSIAN TIP TOP LILY. 6 to 30 beautiful orange-brown and red flowers clustered on one stem. Blooms in early June. 2 for 35c; 6 for 89c.

509. LEOPARD LILY. Truly the finest Tiger Lily. Magnificent, shapely, dark salmon-orange flowers. 2 for 29c; 6 for 79c.

510. DOUBLE TIGER LILY. An unusual, really double lily. Fiery orange-red, spotted with purple. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

505. NEW SUNSET LILY. A new race—a new giant! Grows 6 to 7 feet high, producing a multitude of wonderful flowers. The finest lily to date. (See front cover for color illustration). 2 for 59c; 6 for \$1.50, postpaid.

### My Bargain LILY GARDEN

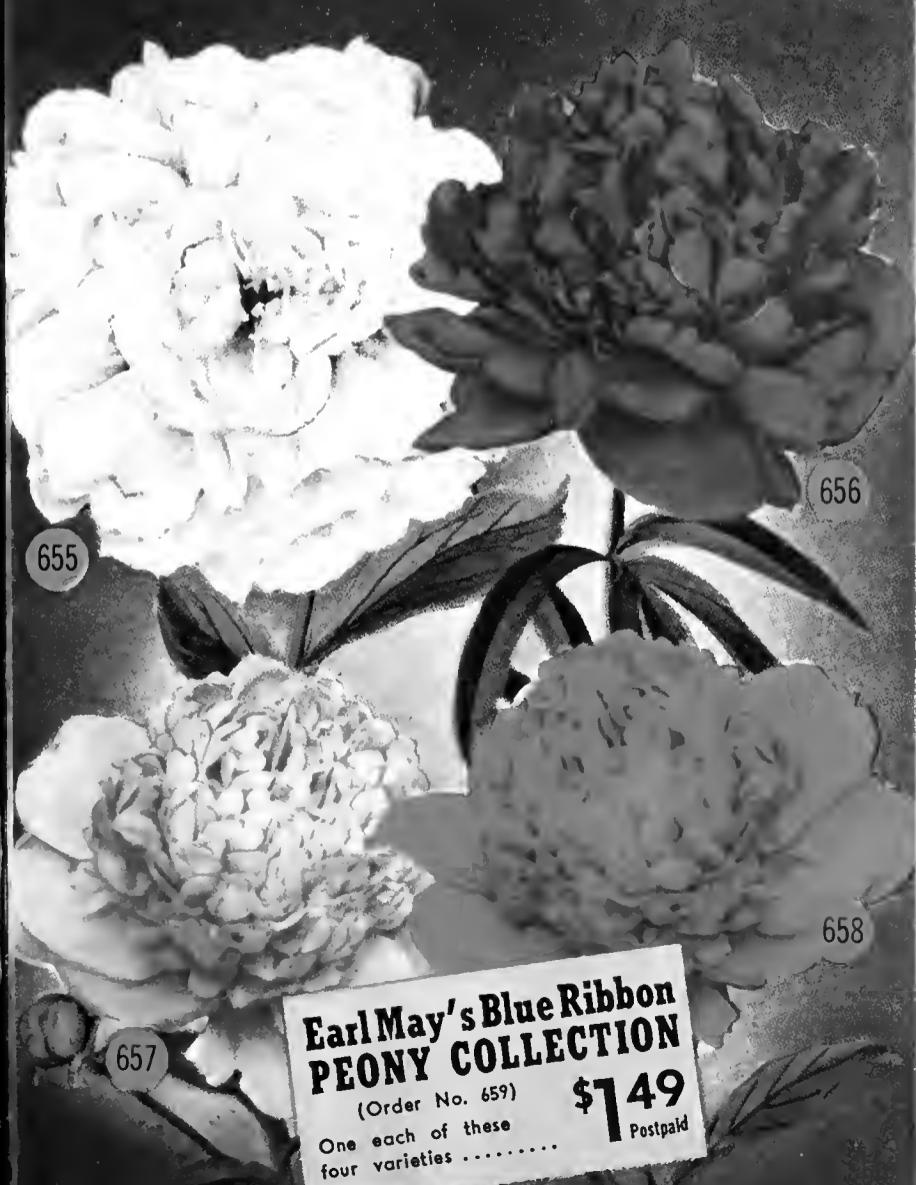
I want you to have a lily garden—because I know that no other investment in beauty will pay such rich dividends. These lovely nodding heads bring charm to any garden spot, and my special offer is a real "Bargain in Beauty."

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BEAUTIFUL, HARDY LILIES ..... \$1 Postpaid.  
(One each of the six illustrated)

Order No. 511.

## EARL MAY'S PEONIES



### Earl May's Blue Ribbon PEONY COLLECTION

(Order No. 659)

One each of these four varieties .....

\$1.49

Postpaid

## Prize-winning Peonies

### Mrs. May's Decoration Day Peony Collection

650. FESTIVA MAXIMA. 9.3—Immense flowers of pure white flecked crimson. Very early.

651. EDULIS SUPERBA. 7.6—The most popular, early, bright pink peony.

652. FELIX CROUSSE. 8.4—Rich ruby red flowers. The most dependable peony grown today.

653. BLACK EAGLE. 8.8—Fragrant, large, deep crimson, almost black, with brilliant golden-yellow anthers.

No. 654. 1 each of the above four varieties for only .....  
..... \$1.00, postpaid.

—or any two of the above varieties for 59c, or any 6, alike or assorted for \$1.69, postpaid.

No. 660. 1 EACH OF THE 8 PEONIES LISTED HERE .....  
..... \$2.29, postpaid.

★ ★ ★

Buy Peonies by Color,  
and get the most for  
your money!

I will send you excellent named varieties labelled as to color. Just order No. 661 if you want all reds—No. 662 if you want pinks—No. 663 if it's whites. Your selection, 1 each of all 3 colors, or any assortment, for 59c, postpaid.

Your selection, 6 all one color or assorted, postpaid for \$1.00

Buy as you  
please!

whatever combination you want, and note it on your order blank.  
And remember—EVERYTHING YOU ORDER FROM THIS BOOK  
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You can buy from this book in just about any way you wish. The collections I have suggested are simply for your convenience—and for economy. But, of course, you can buy single items, or collections, or any sort of combination you want to work out for yourself. Just select what you want, in



## WINTER HARDY SHRUBS for Fall Planting

Friends, each year our Fall shrub business is increasing, because many people have found by planting shrubs that are ripened in the fall, they start off especially early in the spring. All the shrubs listed here are two or three years old, bushy, and have made a heavy growth this year. Shipment will be made about October 1 to 15. Nature seems to especially favor Fall planted shrubs and that's why I'm urging you to plant this fall. (ALL SHRUBS POST-PAID).

809. SPIREA VAN HOUTTE or BRIDAL WREATH. America's favorite, extra hardy shrub. Long branches loaded with white blooms in early spring. 18 to 24 inch plants. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

810. SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER. Dwarf bush Spirea, covered with carmine-red flowers all summer. 12 to 15 inch plants. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

811. SPIREA BILLIARDI or RED FLOWERING BRIDAL WREATH. Excellent for foundation or group planting. Long spikes of rose-pink flowers. 18 to 24 inch plants. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

812. SPIREA FROEBELI. Brilliant crimson, semi-dwarf. Use for foundation planting. 15 to 18 inch plants. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

813. SPIREA ARGUTA or SNOW GARLAND. Dark green, feathery foliage. Blooms two weeks before Van Houtte. 18 to 24 inch plants. 2 for 39c; 6 for \$1.00.

**Spirea Special**  
One each of the 5 big, healthy, Spirea listed above. All carefully selected, 18 inch plants. 5 Spirea, postpaid, 85c (Order No. 817)

800. RED BARBERRY. Brilliant red foliage that becomes particularly beautiful in the heat of summer. Strong 15 to 18 inch plants. 39c each; 4 for \$1.45.

801. BARBERRY THUNBERGII. This green leaved, sturdy shrub will do well anywhere. Foliage turns reddish-bronze in the fall, and carries its red berries all winter. 15 to 18 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

802. HYDRANGEA P. G. (Giant-Flowered Hydrangea). Large panicle-shaped blooms, first snow-white, then pink, and later changing to reddish-bronze. Beautiful and hardy. 18 to 24 inch plants. 35c each; 4 for \$1.29.

803. FORSYTHIA. GOLDEN BELL. The first shrub to bloom in the spring, and brightens the whole yard with its golden-yellow flowers. 18 to 24 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

804. LILAC, CHINESE PURPLE. Rightly called the Everblooming Lilac. Covered in May with immense lavender-purple flowers and some all season. Grows 6 to 8 feet tall. 35c each; 4 for \$1.29.

805. DOUBLE MOCK ORANGE (Syringa Virginalis). Almost everblooming, fragrant double-white flowers. 18 to 24 inch plants. 39c each; 4 for \$1.45.

806. SNOWBERRY, WHITE. Here is a fine shrub for your shady places. Many beautiful rose-pink flowers, followed by clusters of large white berries. 18 to 24 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

807. OLD FASHIONED SNOW-BALL. Very hardy, and bears many snowball-like white flowers in May. 15 to 18 inch shrubs. 39c each; 4 for \$1.45.

814. FIERY RED JAPAN FLOWERING QUINCE. Early blooming, red flowers. This hardy, favorite shrub is often called "Fire Bush." 18 to 24 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

815. RED BUSH HONEYSUCKLE. This is the famous sweet-scented Red Honeysuckle. Bloom is followed by masses of brilliant red berries. 18 to 24 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

816. TAMARIX HISPIDA (Pink Lace Tree). Delicate, bright pink sprays of flowers in June, July and August. Silvery foliage. 18-24 inch plants. 25c each; 4 for 89c.

## HARDY PERENNIALS for Fall Planting

712. ALYSSUM, NEW (Carpet of Snow). Extra dwarf growing, snow-white flowers. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

713. HARDY MARGUERITE (Anthemis). In lovely new art-shades. Fernlike foliage. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

714. HARDY ASTERS (New Colors and Varieties). Mauve Cushion; Like Pink Cushion Mum, but purple. Red Rover; large, blood-red flowers. Star of Wartburg; Royal blue, giant flowers. Your choice; 29c each, 4 for \$1.00.

715. COREOPSIS (New Double Sunburst). Hardy favorite. Beautiful yellow flowers. 2 for 35c; 8 for \$1.00.

716. DAISY, SHASTA. (New Double Snow White). Large, double, excellent flowers. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

717. HIGHLAND QUEEN. (Dianthus, New Hardy Pinks). Bright red, very new. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

718. GAILLARDIA, MONARCH (New, Giant Flowering). Robust red and yellow flowers. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

719. TRUE DOUBLE DUTCH BABY'S BREATH (New). Double white flowers, good for cutting. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

720. HARDY PERENNIAL ZINNIAS (New). Double yellow flowers, 3 inches across. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

721. HARDY PERENNIAL SWEET PEAS. Red, pink, white and salmon. Bloom all summer. 2 for 35c; 8 for \$1.00.

722. "ROYAL BLUE" FORGET-ME-NOT. (New). Fine, early, and free flowering. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

723. HARDY PRIMROSE (New, golden yellow). Sweet scented, large flowers. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

724. PLATYCODON (New, Dwarf Balloon Flower). Blue or white. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

725. RUDBECKIA, AUTUMN FOREST (New Cone-flower). Red, brown, bronze. 29c each; 4 for \$1.00.

726. PIN-CUSHION (Hardy Perennial Scabiosa). Blue or white. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

727. VERONICA ROYAL BLUE (New, Gentian Blue). Finest of all blue "Speedwells." 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

728. LIZARD PLANT (Stonecrop, all new). I offer you 21 distinct types of these famous hardy perennials. 2 for 39c; 6 for 95c.

729. A COMPLETE COLLECTION—1 each of the 21 varieties listed above (Lizard Plants) for \$2.89.



733. OLD FASHIONED BLEEDING HEART. Hardy, easy to grow. 35c each; 2 for 60c.

762. BLEEDING HEART (Fern-leaf Everblooming). Old favorite. 2 for 35c; 6 for 95c.

730. STRAWBERRY, "BARON SOLEMACHER" (New European Creation). Everbearing, runnerless. Large, red fruits, good for eating the first year. Excellent for Christmas potted plant. 35c each; 4 for \$1.19.

754. PINK CUSHION CHRYSANTHEMUM. Masses of pink blooms on every bush. 2 for 49c; 6 for \$1.19.

### AUTUMN CHRYSANTHEMUM COLLECTION

756. FIRELIGHT. Copper red.

757. IRENE. Pure white.

758. JEAN TREADWAY. Pink.

759. ORIOLE. (Ruth Marion Hatton). Yellow.

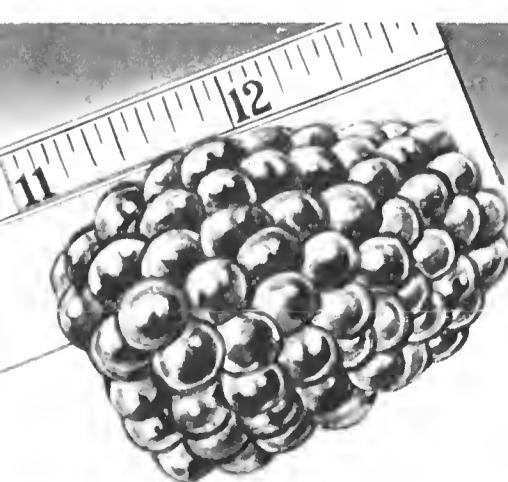
760. VIVID. Rosy red.

761. TINTS OF GOLD. Golden yellow.

755. All six of the lovely fall-blooming chrysanthemums listed above for \$1.00, postpaid. Or buy your choice, 25c each; or

**4 for 89c**

Many of you will want other small fruits and plant them this Fall. I am confident that you still have my Spring catalog. You can buy anything listed in the Spring catalog for Fall delivery and you can plant anything in the Fall with very few exceptions, if you'll follow the complete planting instructions that I send with every order. Earl E. May.



### GIANT BOYSENBERRY

I had so many orders for this marvelous berry last spring that I couldn't fill all of them. I don't know a more delicious berry than the Boysenberry—since it combines all the best points and flavor of the Loganberry, Raspberry, and Blackberry. The fruit is gigantic in size, averaging 1 inch in

width, up to 2 inches in length.

You'll find this beautiful new berry on the inside back cover of my last spring's catalog. I send planting instructions with every order, so you will be assured of perfect success in planting. This is the most heavily bearing fruit plant grown today. 5 for 60c; 10 for \$1; postpaid. (Order No. 831)

### RHUBARB

832. GIANT VICTORIA (Wine Plant). Rich wine-red stalks, shading to a light green at the base. This is the largest and best of the seedling varieties. Big heavy stalks, juicy stems. 5 for 35c; 10 for 55c; 25 for \$1; postpaid.

833. RUBY RED RHUBARB. Red all the way through. Very finest and largest grown today. 45c each; 3 for \$1.25.

# New Crop LAWN GRASS SEED



## Earl May's MAYPARK LAWN GRASS MIXTURE

Maypark Mixture is ideal for people who have pride in their lawns. It's blended in perfect proportions with heavy selected Blue Grass, and the fine-leaved White Dutch Clover, with other rapid growing grasses acts as a protective crop for the Blue Grass. I use Maypark on my own lawn, and it's on thousands of other American lawns. SHIPPED POSTPAID.

**33c**  
per pound.

3 lbs.....	\$ .85
5 lbs.....	1.19
10 lbs.....	2.29

This is my lawn. It was seeded in the fall of 1935, and by the spring and summer of 1936 I had a fine lawn. Used Maypark Mixture and it's still going strong.

You can depend on my vigorous growing, deep rooted, drouth resistant grass seeds to give you a beautiful lawn. They have all passed the most rigid tests for purity and high germination. All 1938 crop seed. I know you'll get the best of results because we have made it our business to furnish only the very best of seed that can be had.

### SEED THIS FALL

A lot of you folks, I know, intend to seed or patch up your old lawn this fall, and some of the finest lawns I have ever seen were seeded in the fall. It is Mother Nature's own time to seed and it is pretty hard to find a better time. Then, too, you aren't bothered with so many troublesome weeds as you are in the spring. Sow grass seed just as early in the fall as possible—the first part of September or October.

### LAWN HINTS

—for a new lawn, sow 1 pound of seed to every 200 square feet.  
—to thicken an old lawn, sow 1 pound to every 400 square feet.

The best permanent lawn grass. My Kentucky Blue Grass is several pounds heavier than standard weight. It is especially selected for high purity and strong germination. It will give you a rich, dark-green, velvety carpet of grass.

### KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS

Heavy Weight Fancy	1 lb.	3 lbs.	5 lbs.	10 lbs.
	35c	89c	\$1.29	\$2.39
Super Fine Extra Fancy	39c	98c	1.49	2.79

All Prices POSTPAID

### MY SHADY LAWN MIXTURE

Especially prepared to grow in the shade. It grows in shaded places because its base is that grass which thrives in the dense forests of Denmark. I know it will grow and flourish in shade because it is the perfect blend of suitable grasses that not only thrive in shade, but also on soil too poor or dry for ordinary grasses. SHIPPED POSTPAID.

**42c**  
per pound 3 lbs..... \$1.19  
5 lbs..... 1.85  
10 lbs..... 3.45

### CREEPING BENT GRASS

2015. Astoria Creeping Bent Grass is the one for our Central section.

Extremely hardy, and multiplies both from creeping roots and branching tops. Makes a fine, dense, firm turf which withstands hard usage. Ideal for lawns, terraces and is used extensively on golf courses. \$1.10 per lb.; 3 lbs., \$2.98; 5 lbs., \$4.90; 10 lbs., \$9.50, postpaid.

### WHITE DUTCH LAWN CLOVER

2014. Especially fine for lawns, making a compact growth and covers the ground like a carpet. Quick growing; thrives anywhere, enriches the soil, helping to get other grasses started. 60c per lb.; 3 lbs., \$1.65; 5 lbs., \$2.65; 10 lbs., \$4.85, postpaid.

### EARL MAY'S SUPERFINE LAWN SEED MIXTURE

Here's a super-quality mixture that makes a rich, deep, velvety, permanent lawn. My heavy Kentucky Blue Grass seed is far above the standard weight. It is perfectly blended with other quick-growing grasses which act as a protective nurse crop for young Blue Grass and White Dutch Clover. White Dutch Clover inoculates the soil—furnishes nourishment for your lawn. This is the richest blend of the finest grasses. SHIPPED POSTPAID.

**39c**  
per pound 3 lbs..... \$1.05  
5 lbs..... 1.55  
10 lbs..... 2.85

### Combination Offer

FERTILIZER AND LAWN SEED Will seed and fertilize 1,000 square feet.

5 LBS. OF MAYPARK LAWN SEED

5 LBS. OF SOIL VITAMINS (Best lawn fertilizer. Makes grass grow; discourages weeds)

**10** pounds, \$1.49  
Regular Value \$1.78  
(Order No. 2016)

## Hardy ROSES for fall planting

You can plant roses with perfect safety in the fall. I send you complete planting instructions with every order—and every rose I send you is a guaranteed 2 year old, outdoor nursery grown selected plant.

818. GOLDEN ROSE OF CHINA (Hugonis). Hardy yellow rose with branches that bend under their load of semi-double bright yellow flowers.

819. AMELIA GRAVEREAUX. All summer blooming, producing intense double red fragrant flowers.

820. GROOTENDORST (Red). Roses like large double red Carnations in clusters. Fragrant and everblooming.

821. PAUL NEYRON. Largest double clear pink. Blooms as big as a teacup; hardy.

822. SIR THOMAS LIPTON. Everblooming garden and cemetery rose, loaded throughout the summer with double white flowers.

823. IMPROVED BEAUTY. This fine, large cherry-red rose is extremely hardy.

Your selection of the above, strictly 2 yr. heavy select No. 1 plants, 37c each, 3 for 98c, postpaid.

### OLD-FASHIONED ROSE GARDEN

These five (Nos. 818 to 823) are the roses your mother grew and loved when she was a girl. They are hardy, require little care, and will give you flowers throughout the summer.

6 No. 1 1/2, 2 year select plants (One each of the above) postpaid (Order No. 824) \$1.49.

### FIVE PROVEN FAVORITES

Here are the five most popular roses in my last Spring's catalog—undoubtedly the most widely planted Hybrid Teas. You can't go wrong in planting these.

825. BRIARCLIFF. Long, pointed, silvery rose-pink buds.

826. PRES. H. HOOVER. One of the finest roses. A beautiful blend of cerise, red toned orange and gold. Vigorous growing.

827. MRS. PIERRE S. DUPONT. Large, full bud and flower of gorgeous golden yellow.

828. RED RADIANCE. The best Hybrid Tea Rose for this section of the country. Abundance of beautiful red flowers all season long.

829. F. K. DRUSCHKI (Snow Queen). This is mother's favorite white American Beauty Rose. Blooms throughout the summer. Strictly 2 yr. No. 1 finest, outdoor nursery grown plants: 37c each; 3 for 98c, postpaid.

Giant size 2 yr. old, No. 1 1/2 size, outdoor nursery grown plants: 29c each; 4 for \$1.00, postpaid.

### GIANT ROSE OFFER

830. One each of the above 5 roses, select 2 yr. old No. 1 1/2 size, \$1.19 postpaid.

*Special \$1.25 Dutch Dolls for 49¢*

WITH EACH \$2.50 BULB ORDER



These delightful dolls stand about 9 inches high, and are as sturdy as good workmanship and materials can make them. In the stores, they would sell for 2½ or 3 times my price. I'm sure that children and grown-ups alike will be delighted with them. That I'll gladly take the dolls back and refund the price to anyone who doesn't want to keep them.

## MEET 'TINKA AND HANS!'

They'd like to come and live with you

Our bulb people over in Holland sent me a pair of these dolls for my little niece this spring. At once, everybody around here fell in love with them. Somehow, they seemed more like real Dutch children than like dolls. They carried all the loveliness and charm of the tulip country and its picturesque people right into my office.

So many folks wanted to know if I could get more like them, that I told our importers to see what they could do about it. Between us, we found a way to get more dolls, just like the originals. So here they are—ready to warm your heart, just as they've already warmed the hearts of everyone who has met them.

Tinka and Hans are beautifully made, with each little skirt and shirt and all the other parts of their apparel separately made, and neatly sewed, of good material. Mrs. May tells me that dolls of the same size and quality sell for \$1.25 or \$1.50 in the stores. **BUT YOU CAN HAVE TINKA OR HANS (OR BOTH OF THEM) FOR A LOT LESS THAN THAT.** Here's my plan:

**Send me your order for \$2.50 worth of bulbs and you can have either Tinka or Hans for only 49¢! Or order \$4.00 worth of bulbs and you'll have the privilege of getting both dolls at 49¢ a piece, or 98¢ for both of them.**

I promise you a real thrill when you get Tinka or Hans—and a still bigger thrill when you give them to any child!

**EARL E. MAY SEED CO., SHENANDOAH, IOWA**

### Earl May's Superb RAINBOW COLLECTION

DOMESTIC GROWN (Illustrated at right)

Plant one of these very low-cost collections this autumn, and if you are not completely satisfied when they bloom next spring, you may select anything you wish, ABSOLUTELY FREE from my 1939 Spring Catalog. (Up to the cost of the collection you purchase this fall.)

These are all Dutch Tulips grown in America—the finest varieties—every bulb measuring 4 inches. Because they are home-grown and not labelled, we can price them very reasonably. But they are all high quality tulips, that will please you in every way.

188. EARL MAY'S SUPERB RAINBOW MIXTURE  
25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.79; 100 for \$2.98.

### PEACOCK TULIP MIXTURE

Flower lovers, this is really a Royal Dutch Mixture—equal in colors to the plumage of a Peacock. 25 different varieties and colors are included. I made this collection for you from the very best varieties in my trial garden—and cooperated with the Dutch bulb growers for the addition of many excellent varieties.

Every bulb is imported from Holland, is 4½ inches around, or larger—and is guaranteed to please you.

189. EARL MAY'S PEACOCK TULIP MIXTURE  
25 for \$1.15; 50 for \$1.95; 100 for \$3.39.

